

from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display device so as to be distinguishable from one another, as positively recited in the pending claims. This assertion is incorrect.

Bleizeffer teaches a method and apparatus for compensating for deficiencies existing in programs to assist the user through installing a program. Bleizeffer teaches initially presenting the user with a welcome screen, Fig. 2, upon which the user selects the action they wish to choose. From the welcome screen, the user is taken through a sequence of a plurality of menus that allow the user to edit and/or select options that the user intends on using (col. 4, lines 58 through col. 5, line 6). For example, if the user selects a first option from the welcome menu, then the user would be redirected to a window as shown in Fig. 6. As the user, as taught by Bleizeffer, proceeds through the plurality of menus, Figs. 2-21, they are assisted in installing a program. However, at no time does the invention of Bleizeffer display a single menu frame, as recited in the subject matter of the pending claims that: (1) displays items which have been already set along with their set parameters; (2) displays items which are being set along with parameters to choose from; and (3) displays items which have not been assigned and not yet been set, being displayed in the single frame of the display device so as to be distinguishable from one another. The Office Action incorrectly refers to Fig. 18 as teaching many of the features recited in the pending claims. Fig. 18 of Bleizeffer simply teaches a health check view which presents a predefined job, which can be divided into smaller jobs (col. 13, lines 30-35). As such, specifically with respect to Fig. 18, items which have already been set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are not displayed in the single frame of the menu frame illustrated in Fig. 18.

The applied prior art reference of Shiels does not overcome the deficiencies of Bleizeffer, as discussed above.

Therefore, Bleizeffer, in any permissible combination with Shiels, cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, displaying all of the plural items in a single frame of the display device when one of the plural setting frames is displayed, wherein items which have been already set along with their set parameters, items which are being set along with parameters to choose from, and items which have been assigned and not yet been set are displayed in the single frame of the display device so as to be distinguishable from one another, as positively recited in the subject matter of the pending claims.

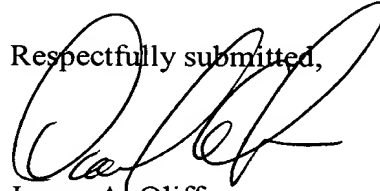
For at least the above reasons, any permissible combination of the applied prior art references of Bleizeffer and Shiels cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features recited in at least independent claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22. Further, claims 3-6, 9-12, 15, 17, 19 and 21 would also not have been suggested by the applied prior art references for at least the respective dependence of these claims on allowable independent claims, as enumerated above, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3-7 and 9-22 under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 as being unpatentable over any permissible combination of the implied prior art references are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-7 and 9-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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